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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EC INLAND WATERWAY TONNAGE CAPACITY
REGULATIONS - US LASH/SEABEE OPERATIONS

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1. LOMBARD, GOF TRANSPORT MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN EC DISCUSSIONS AT BRUSSELS ON PROPOSED INLAND WATERWAY TONNAGE CAPACITY REGULATIONS, LISTENED POLITELY TO STATEMENT OF REFTEL POSITION BUT SUGGESTED THAT US DEMARCHES THIS SUBJECT SHOULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE CONFINED TO EC INSTITUTIONS IN BRUSSELS. ISSUES INVOLVED AFFECTED MANY EUROPEAN STATES AND GOF COULD NOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF OTHERS. WE INDICATED THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN INFORMALLY DISCUSSED WITH EC COMMISSION AND IN VARIOUS CAPITALS AND WE HOPED THAT GOF WOULD BE PERSUADED BY OUR ARGUMENTS TO RECOGNIZE SOUNDNESS OF PRINCIPLES WE ESPOUSED.

2. LOMBARD RESPONDED THAT IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WITH US, SINCE HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT TAX WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY
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ADVERSE IMPACT ON US LASH/SEABEE OPERATIONS. HE SAID

THAT GOF DOES NOT FAVOR ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM TAX,
EXCEPT IN A FEW VERY MINOR AND SPECIAL INSTANCES.
HE ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT DISCUSSIONS WITHIN EC
WERE STILL IN A PRELIMINARY STAGE AND BECAUSE OF
CONTINUED DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS AMONG PARTICIPANTS
HE DOUBTED THAT TAX WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE VERY
NEAR FUTURE.

3. WE WERE UNABLE ELICIT FROM LOMBARD ANYTHING MORE
SPECIFIC RE GOF POSITION.
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